



CWA of North Carolina

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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT 11-65

In the Matter of applications of
AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom
AG for consent to assign or Transfer
Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As President of the CWA of North Carolina I would like to express the support of our membership for the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. We agree wholeheartedly with our national President Larry Cohen who said in Congressional testimony that the merger is "good for broadband deployment, good for consumers, good for jobs, good for workers' rights and good for rural citizens. In short ... this merger will be good for America." That positive outlook coincides with the reality of what the merger would bring here in North Carolina.

As part of AT&T's already stated commitment, the merger would bring broadband connectivity to all parts of North Carolina. Not just broadband but 4G LTE, the most advanced wireless broadband technology available today. This is a job and business enabling technology. Making it available to towns large and small will be a comeback tool for North Carolina's traditionally underserved communities.

AT&T is the only unionized company in the wireless industry and there are 43,000 represented employees at AT&T who are members of CWA. This is important to us, but the merits of the merger go well beyond the issue of union representation. The bottom line is that this merger will create opportunities for working people and their families to better their lives. This is what the CWA is all about and the CWA of North Carolina enthusiastically recommends your approval of this merger.

Sincerely

Tom Coley
President,
CWA of North Carolina